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RELATED TO HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT TRANSMISSION LINES

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## **OVERVIEW**

- **HVDC transmission lines**
  - **HVDC electrical environment**
  - **Biological effects of air ions and electric fields**
  - **Assessment and management of actual  
vs. perceived risk**
  - **Case illustration**
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# **ADVANCES IN HIGH VOLTAGE DC TRANSMISSION**

- **Stabilizing effects on interconnected power systems**
  - **Lower line losses over long distances**
  - **No equipment needed for line inductance and capacitance compensation**
  - **Two conductors instead of three (AC)**
  - **Switching between DC and AC for transmission and distribution**
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## HVDC LOCATIONS

United States, Canada, Brazil, Denmark, Sweden, Norway,  
Italy, Japan, New Zealand, USSR, Zaire, Mozambique,  
South Africa

- Pacific Northwest - Pacific Southwest Intertie 1970
  - 846 miles
  - $\pm 500$  kV
  - 2000 MW (by 1988, 3200 MW)
- The Nelson River Bipole I 1977
  - 553 miles
  - $\pm 450$  kV
  - 1620 MW
- Square Butte Line 1977
  - 465 miles
  - $\pm 250$  kV
  - 500 MW
- The Nelson River Bipole II 1978
  - 578 miles
  - $\pm 250$  kV (By 1986,  $\pm 500$  kV)
  - 1000 MW (By 1986, 1800 MW)
- Coal Creek Project (CU Line) 1979
  - 436 miles
  - $\pm 400$  kV
  - 1000 MW
- Intermountain Power Project 1986
  - 500 miles
  - $\pm 500$  kV
  - 1500 MW
- New England - Hydro-Quebec Phase I 1986

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  - 107 miles
  - $\pm 450$  kV
  - 690 MW

## **LINES PLANNED ON OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH AMERICA**

- **New England - Quebec Phase II 1990**
    - **600 + 133 miles**
    - **$\pm 450$  kV**
    - **2000 MW**
  - **Walker County STP Tie**
    - **155 miles**
    - **$\pm 400$  kV**
    - **1040 MW**
  - **Mead-Phoenix Project**
    - **240 miles**
    - **$\pm 364$  kV (to be uprated to  $\pm 500$  kV)**
    - **1600 MW (to be uprated to 2200 MW)**
  - **Nelson River Bi pole II**
  - **Mead - Los Angeles Project**
  - **Hawaiian Electric Company**
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## **CORONA EFFECT:**

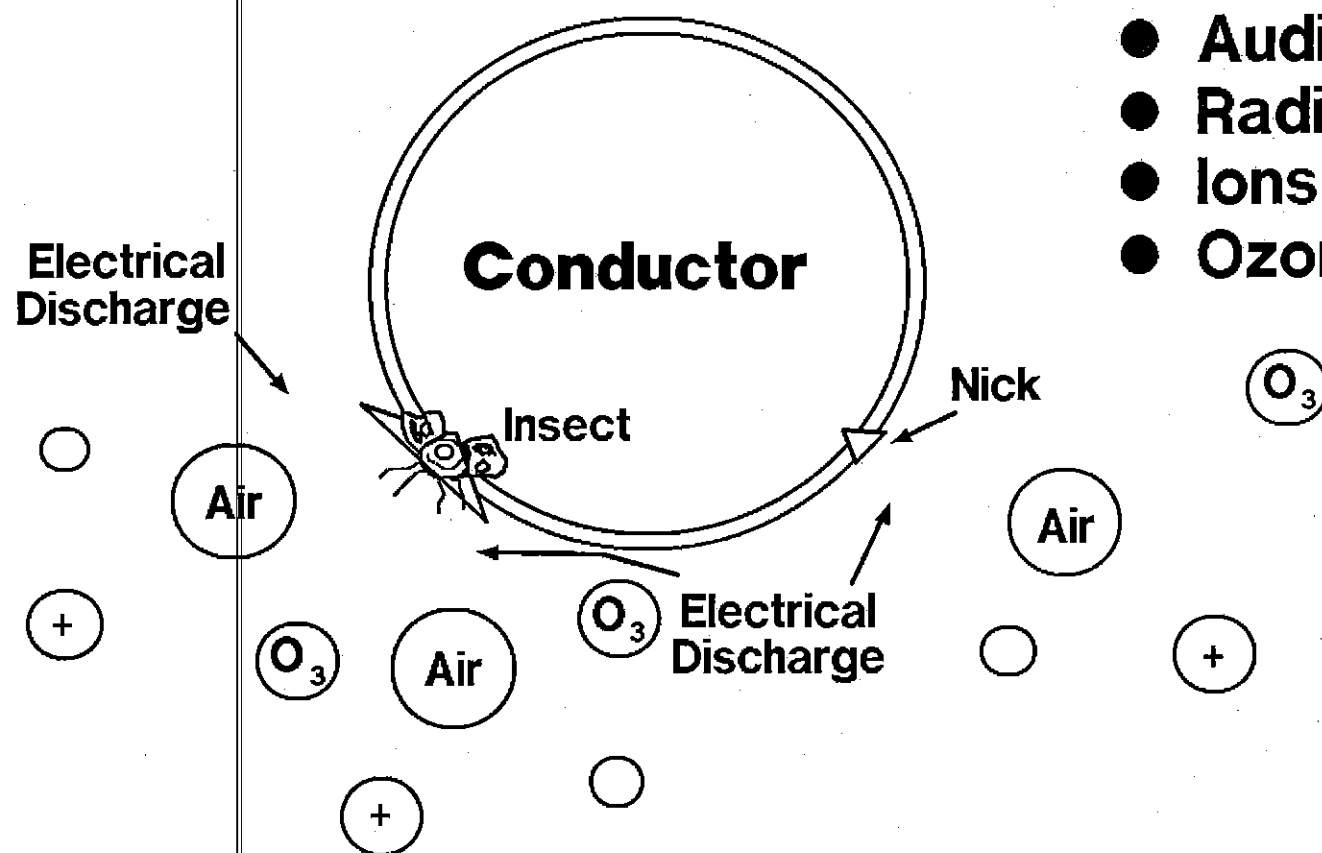
**The partial electrical breakdown  
of air into charged particles**

- **Occurs when conductor surface voltage gradient exceeds insulation strength of air**
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# CORONA

(Electrical Discharge in Air)

- Audible Noise
- Radio noise
- Ions
- Ozone





## **Factors Affecting Air Ion Concentrations**

- **Corona inception gradient**
  - **Conductor diameter and bundle**
  - **Pole spacing**
  - **Line height**
  - **Local meteorological conditions, e.g. wind, RH**
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## **ION CURRENT**

- **Conduction current resulting from charge migration**
  - **Convection current -  
the transport of charge by air motion**
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# AIR ION GENERATION AND TRANSPORT TO GROUND

- **Size**
  - **Mobility:  $1 - 2 \text{ cm}^2/\text{v-s}$  ( $1 - 2 \text{ cm/sec/v/cm}$ )**
  - **Speed of ions from conductor to ground**
  - **Modes of transport**
    - **Electrical forces - Dependent on proximity to line**
    - **Convective forces - Dependent on wind speed**
  - **Ions attaching to aerosols**
  - **Natural levels**
    - **Atmospheric conditions**
    - **Geographic locations**
    - **Air quality**
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## **ION CONCENTRATION COMPARED TO COMMON POLLUTANTS**

- **CO is harmful at 50 ppm**
  - **NO<sub>2</sub> induces respiratory damage at 0.8 ppm**
  - **NO<sub>2</sub> is safe below 0.14 ppm**
  - **O<sub>3</sub> is safe below 0.12 ppm**
  - **10<sup>5</sup> ions/cc -- .0000000037 ppm**
  - **It is therefore extremely unlikely that  
this is a threat to health**
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## **OTHER CORONA EFFECTS**

- **Audible noise**
  - **Electromagnetic interference (RI, TVI)**
  - **Generation of oxidants**
  - **Visible light**
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## **DC ELECTRIC FIELD**

### **Nominal field**

- **A function of voltage on the conductors**
  - **A function of the line geometry**
    - **Line height**
    - **Pole spacing**
  - **Significant component of the total field**
  - **Two sets of conductor bundles, one positive, one negative**
  - **Field strength dependent on distance from the line**
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# **DC ELECTRIC FIELD**

## **Space charge field**

- **A function of corona generated charge**
  - **A function of line voltage and corona intensity**
  - **A function of the line geometry and conductor dimensions**
    - **Line height**
    - **Pole spacing**
    - **Conductor diameter**
    - **Number of conductor**
  - **Variable, dependent on the environment**
  - **Field strength dependent on distance from the line**
    - **Under the line**
    - **At the edge of the right of way**
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## **DC MAGNETIC FIELD**

- **A function of current on line**
  - **Decreases with distance from the conductor**
  - **Less than or similar to the Earth's magnetic field (0.6 Gauss)**
  - **No laboratory evidence of harmful effect up to  $10^3$  Gauss**
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## **Biological Effects of Air Ions**

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## **Status of Research**

- **Provocative findings**
  - **Wide range of effects studied**
  - **Effects/no effects**
  - **Short-term/long-term**
  - **No dose-response or time-course**
  - **Uneven quality**
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# **BIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL EFFECTS**

## **Difficulties in interpretation**

- **Lack of controls**
  - **Poor experimental design**
  - **Wide variety of experimental conditions**
  - **Incorrect statistical procedures**
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## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

- **Hazard identification**
  - **Dose-response**
  - **Exposure assessment**
  - **Risk characterization**
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## **EFFECT VS. HARM**

- **Characterize agent**

- stimulus
- stressor
- toxicant

- **Characterize response**

- magnitude
  - duration
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## **RESPONSE CHARACTERIZATION MODEL: GENERAL ADAPTATION SYNDROME**

- **Alarm reaction**
    - **Incompatibility or adaptation**
  - **Resistance**
    - **Recuperation**
    - **Replenishing**
  - **Exhaustion**
    - **Local stress, local adaptation energy**
      - **Complete consumption of local adaptation energy resources**
    - **Accelerated aging process**
      - **Decline and death**
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**ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT  
OF  
RISK PERCEPTION**

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## **ERI STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR ASSESSING RISK AND MANAGING RISK PERCEPTION**

- **Format database for use by management, legal staff and regulators**
  - **Analyze and interpret database for specific application in transmission line permitting process**
  - **Develop method for communicating elements of complex database to management, legal staff and regulators**
  - **Media analysis**
  - **Identification of critical health effects issues**
  - **Issue management**
  - **Evaluation of implications of scientific literature for transmission lines**
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# **Use of Air Ion Database in Context of Transmission Line Issues**

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## Quality Analysis

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## **Comparative Analysis**

- **Identification of endpoints in ion studies**
  - **Identification of other environmental stimuli**
  - **Comparative results**
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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN RESPIRATORY RESPONSES

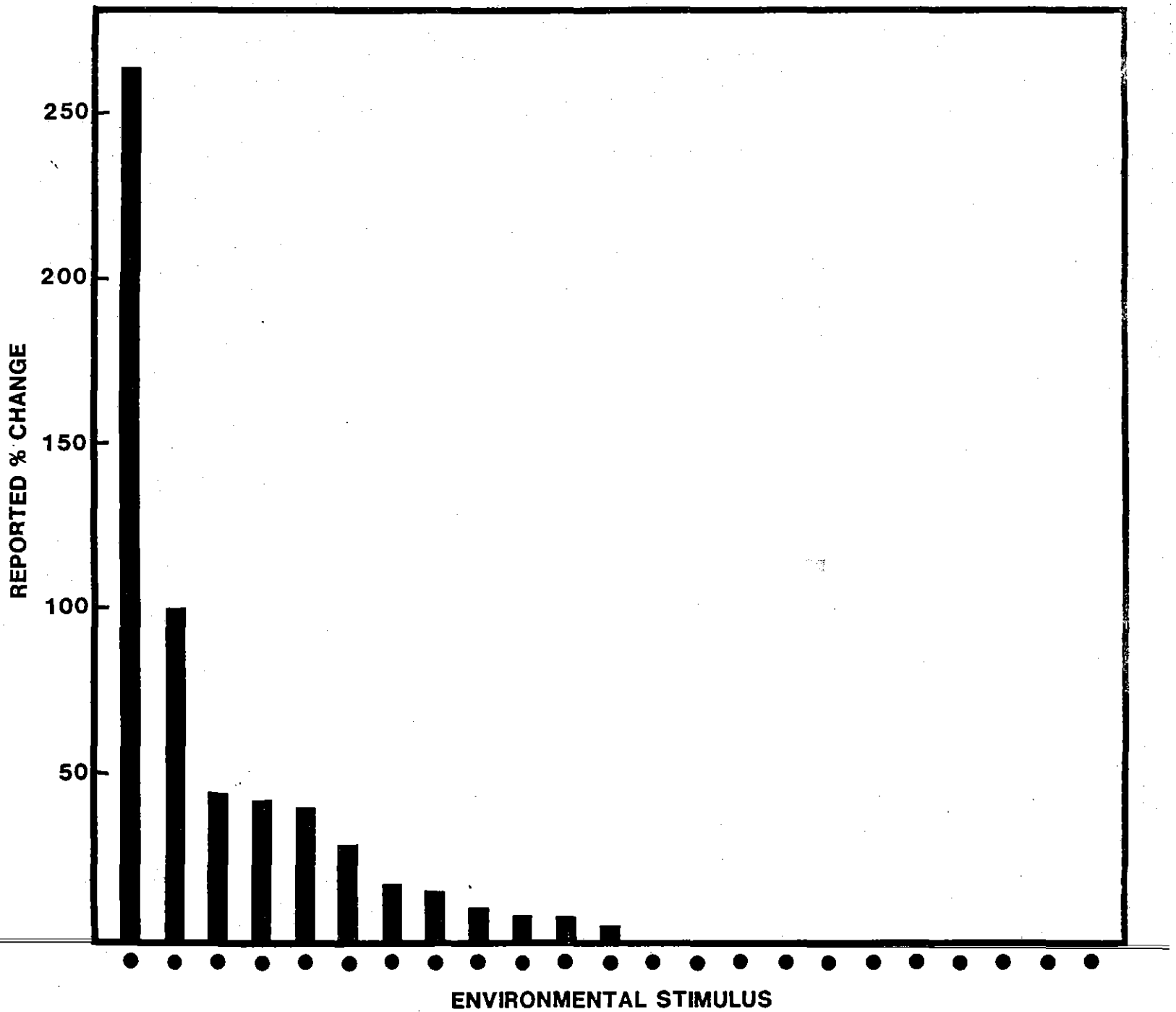
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Robinson & Jones, 1982	Feedback on breathing	264.9%
Kisselkova & Georgiev, 1979	Exercise	100.0
Penaloza-Rojas & Fajardo-Bolanos, 1981	Feedback on breathing over 10 minutes	43.8
Hartung et al., 1980	Exercise	42.5
Burgess & Whitelaw, 1984	Breathing cold air	39.5
Palti et al., 1965	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	28.7
Reilly & Brooks, 1982	None (daily variation over time, 6 PM to 6 AM)	16.3
Josenhans et al., 1969	Cold water applied to face skin surface	14.0
Palti et al., 1965	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	10.0
Ben-dov et al., 1963	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	7.0
Osterballe et al., 1979	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	6.9 3.9
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	$10^3$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Wagner et al., 1983	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Motley & Yanda, 1966	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Dantzler et al., 1983	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
McDonald et al., 1967	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Yaglou et al., 1933	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN RESPIRATORY RESPONSES**

- **Feedback on breathing**
- **Exercise**
- **Feedback on breathing over 10 minutes**
- **Exercise**
- **Breathing cold air**
- **None (daily variation over time, 6 PM to 6AM )**
- **Cold water applied to face skin surface**
- **$\pm 10^4$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

COMPARISON:  
HUMAN RESPIRATORY RESPONSES



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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN PULSE AND HEART RATE

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Smutok et al., 1980	Exercise	106.8%
Borg, 1982	Exercise	50.7
Metcalf et al., 1981	Aerobic activity	49.9
Pequignot et al., 1985	Bed rest	18.2
Frankenhauser et al., 1971	Differences in visual stimulation	15.6
Inbar et al., 1982	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	9.3
Faria & Drummond, 1982	None (daily variation over time, 6 PM to 6 AM)	9.0
Sovijarvi et al., 1979	$10^4$ (+/-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	3.8
Barron & Dreher, 1964	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	$10^3$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Monaco & Acker, 1963	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Sulman et al., 1978	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Dantzler et al., 1983	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
McDonald et al., 1967	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Yaglou et al., 1933	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

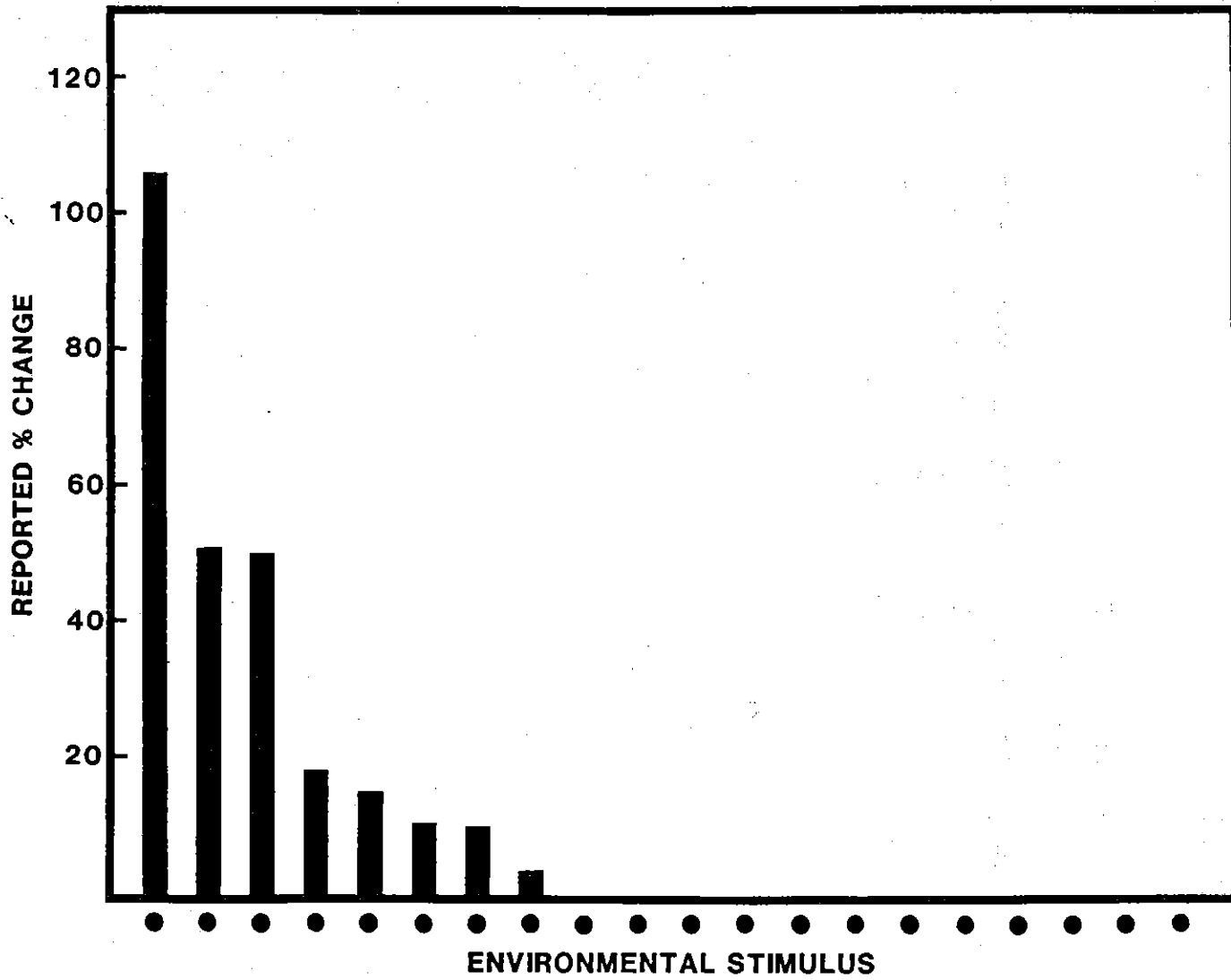
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN PULSE AND HEART RATE**

- **Exercise**
  - **Aerobic activity**
  - **Bed rest**
  - **Differences in visual stimulation**
  - **None (daily variation over time, 6PM to 6AM)**
  - **$\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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COMPARISON:  
HUMAN PULSE AND HEART RATE



COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Barbau & Wilkoff, 1959	Eating bananas	933.3%
Bajatti & Riederer, 1976	Meditation	326.3
Fibiger et al., 1984b	None (daily variation over time, 8 AM to 8 PM)	160.0
Mori, 1982	None (daily variation over time, 4 PM to Midnight)	142.9
Fibiger et al., 1984b	Physical effort (low)	90.0
Fibiger et al., 1984a	Mental effort	76.2
Sulman et al., 1978	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	51.0
Sulman et al., 1978	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	38.0
Sulman et al., 1978	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	5.7
Barron & Dreher, 1964	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0

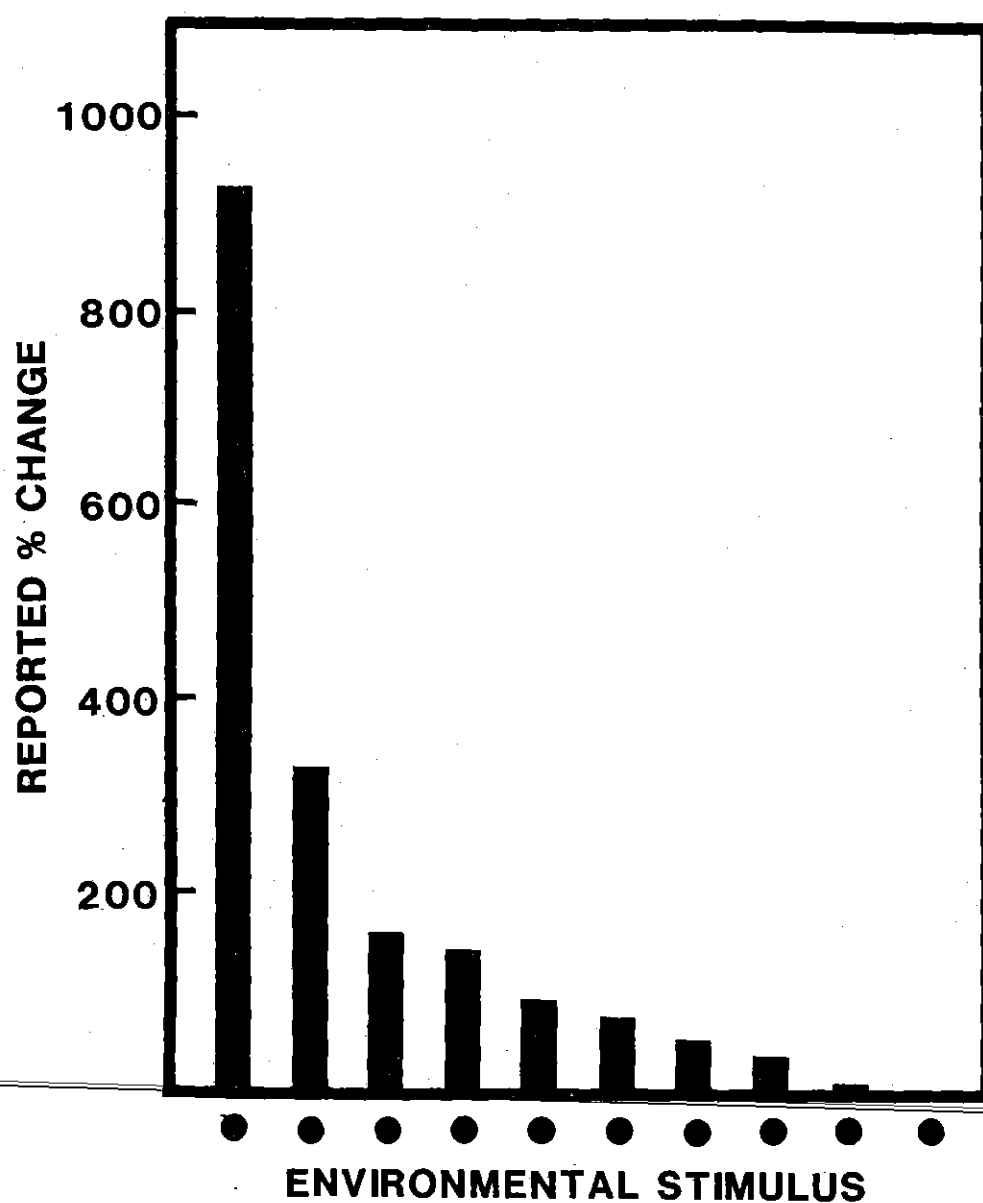
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES**

- **Eating bananas**
- **Meditation**
- **None (daily variation over time, 8 AM to 8 PM)**
- **None (daily variation over time, 4 PM to Midnight)**
- **Physical effort (low)**
- **Mental effort**
- **$-10^3$  to  $-10^4$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:**  
**HUMAN NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES**



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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN BODY  
(SKIN SURFACE AND INTERNAL) TEMPERATURE

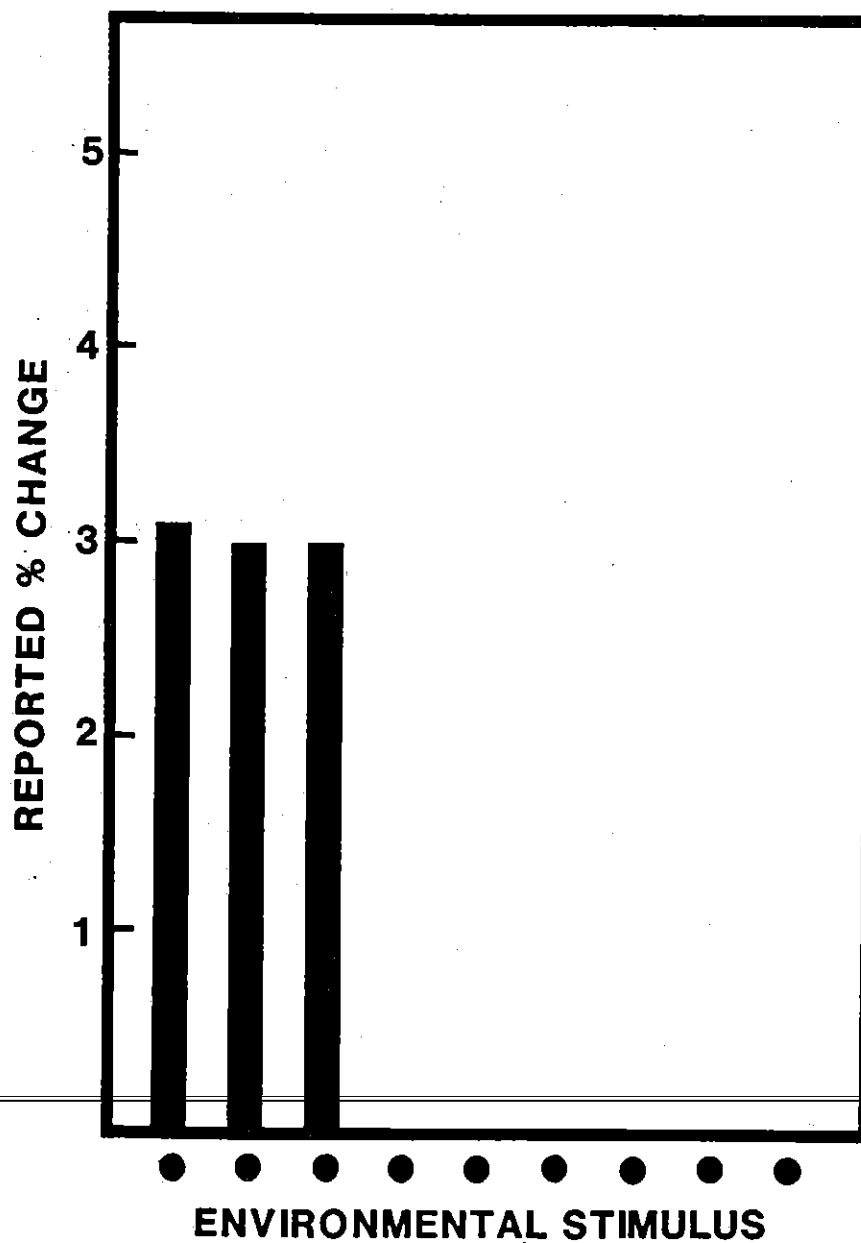
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Mori, 1982	None (daily variation over time, 8 AM to 12 Midnight)	3.1%
Faria & Drummond,	None (daily variation over time 6 AM to 6 PM)	3.0
Inbar et al., 1982	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	3.0
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	$10^3$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Sulman et al., 1978	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Inbar et al., 1982	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Yaglou et al., 1933	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI:  
HUMAN BODY TEMPERATURE  
(SKIN SURFACE AND INTERNAL)**

- **None (daily variation over time, 8 AM to 12 Midnight)**
  - **None (daily variation over time, 6 AM to 6 PM)**
  - **$\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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**COMPARISON:  
HUMAN BODY TEMPERATURE  
(SKIN SURFACE AND INTERNAL)**



COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN SKIN CONDUCTANCE

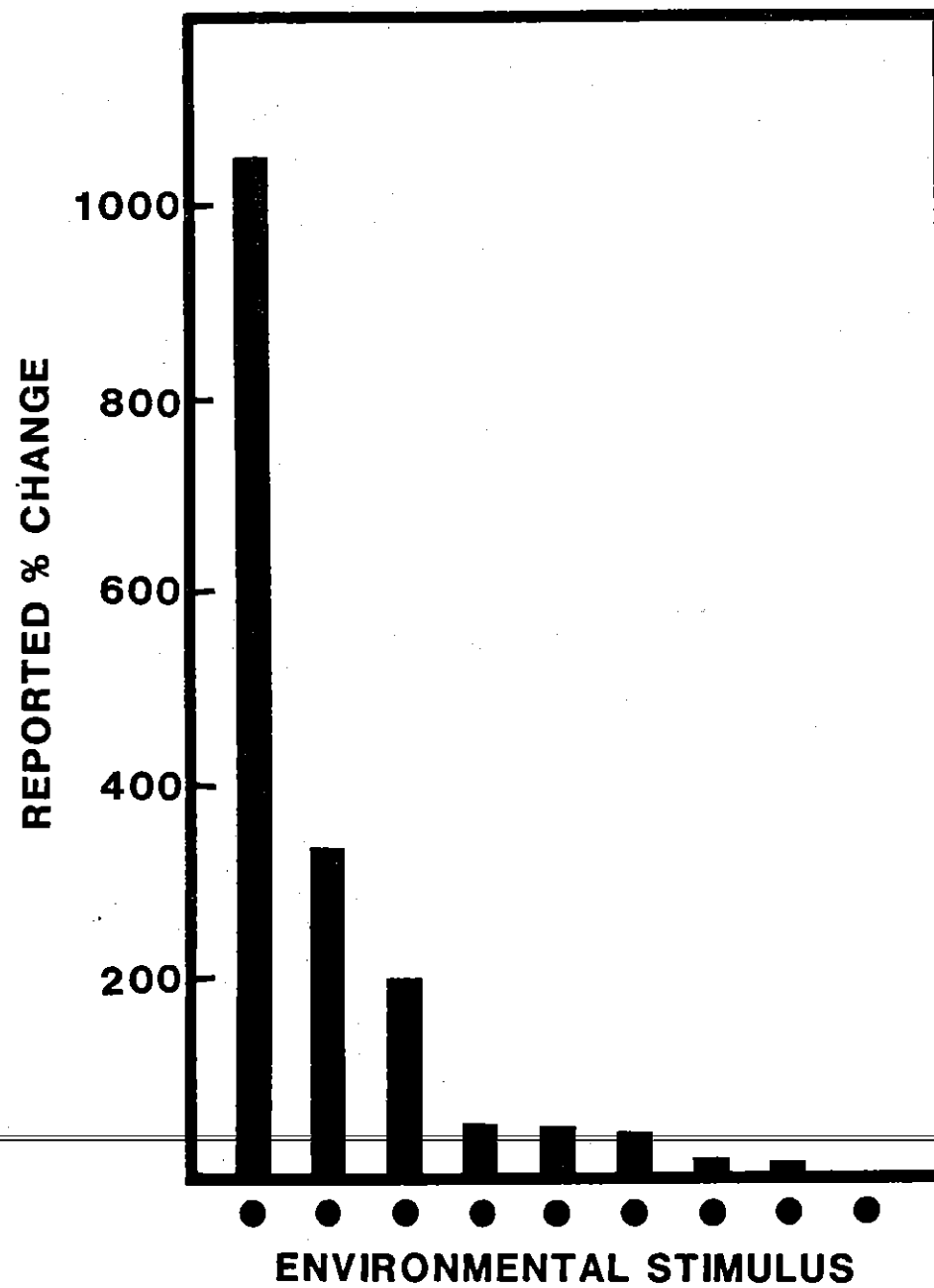
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Falk & Kline, 1978	"White" noise	1050.4%
Fenz, 1964	Presentation of arousing words	348.0
Hentschel & Ternes, 1984	Task learning and ordinary differences among people	200.0
Davies & Krkovic, 1965	Doing a task over time (1.5 hours)	48.8
Schulz & Schonpflug, 1981	Listening to moderate noise (dB equivalent of air conditioner)	46.7
Charry & Hawkinshire, 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	41.5
Wilkinson et al., 1972	Incentive to do a task	15.2
Thackray et al., 1973	None (ordinary differences among people)	13.3
Monaco & Acker,	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0



## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN SKIN CONDUCTANCE**

- **"White" noise**
- **Presentation of arousing words**
- **Task learning and ordinary differences among people**
- **Doing a task over time (1.5 hours)**
- **Listening to moderate noise  
(dB equivalent of air conditioner)**
- **Incentive to do a task**
- **None (ordinary differences among people)**
- **$+10^4$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:  
HUMAN SKIN CONDUCTANCE**



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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES

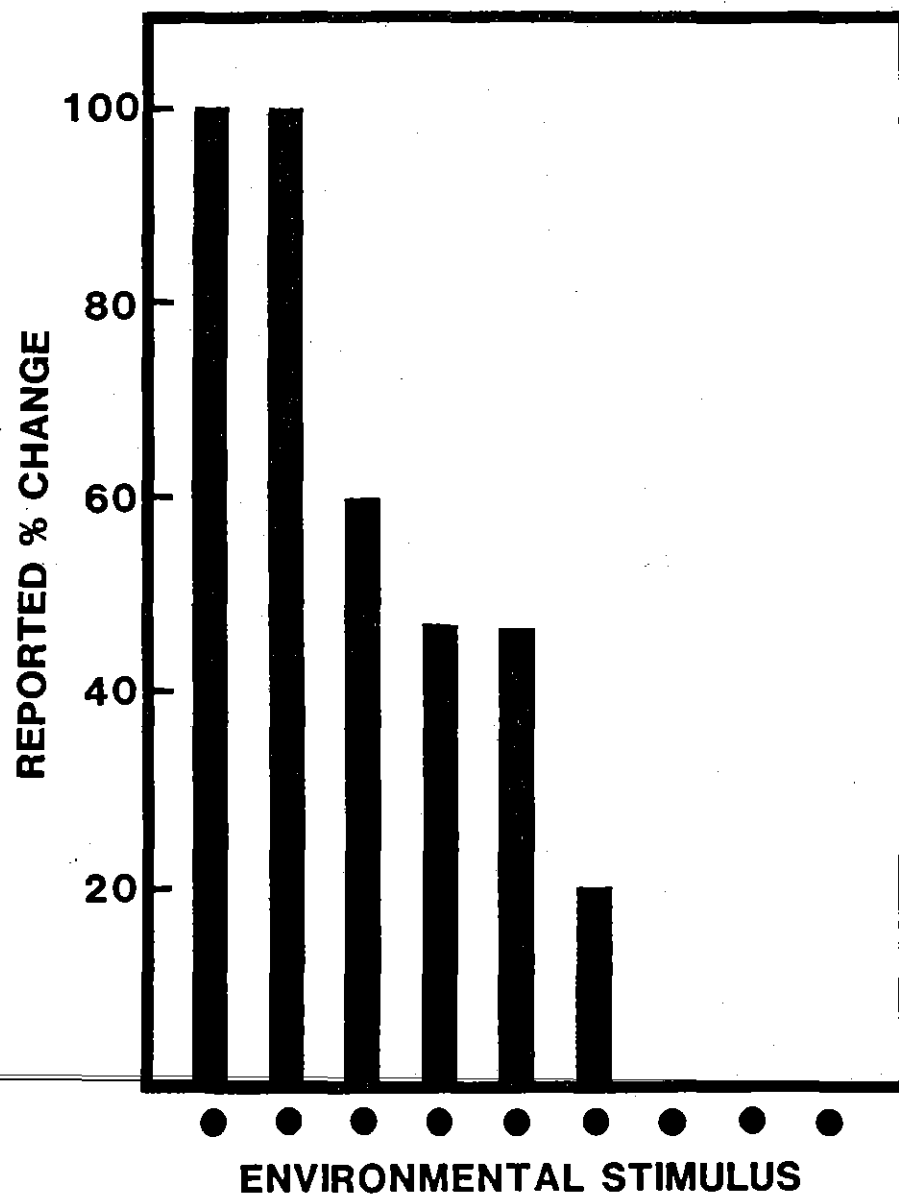
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Mulholland et al., 1983	Visual feedback of information	100.00%
Banquet, 1973	Meditation	100.00
Penaloza-Rojas & Fajardo-Bolanos, 1981	Feedback with eyes open vs. closed	60.0
Marquis et al., 1980	None (eyes open vs. closed)	47.8
Knox, 1980	Quiet concentration	47.0
Assael et al.,	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	20.1
Silverman & Kornbluh, 1957	$10^2$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^2$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Hedge & Eleftherakis, 1982	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES**

- **Visual feedback of information**
- **Meditation**
- **Feedback with eyes open vs. closed**
- **None (eyes open vs. closed)**
- **Quiet concentration**
- **$\pm 10^2$  to  $\pm 10^4$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
- **$-10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:**  
**HUMAN BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES**



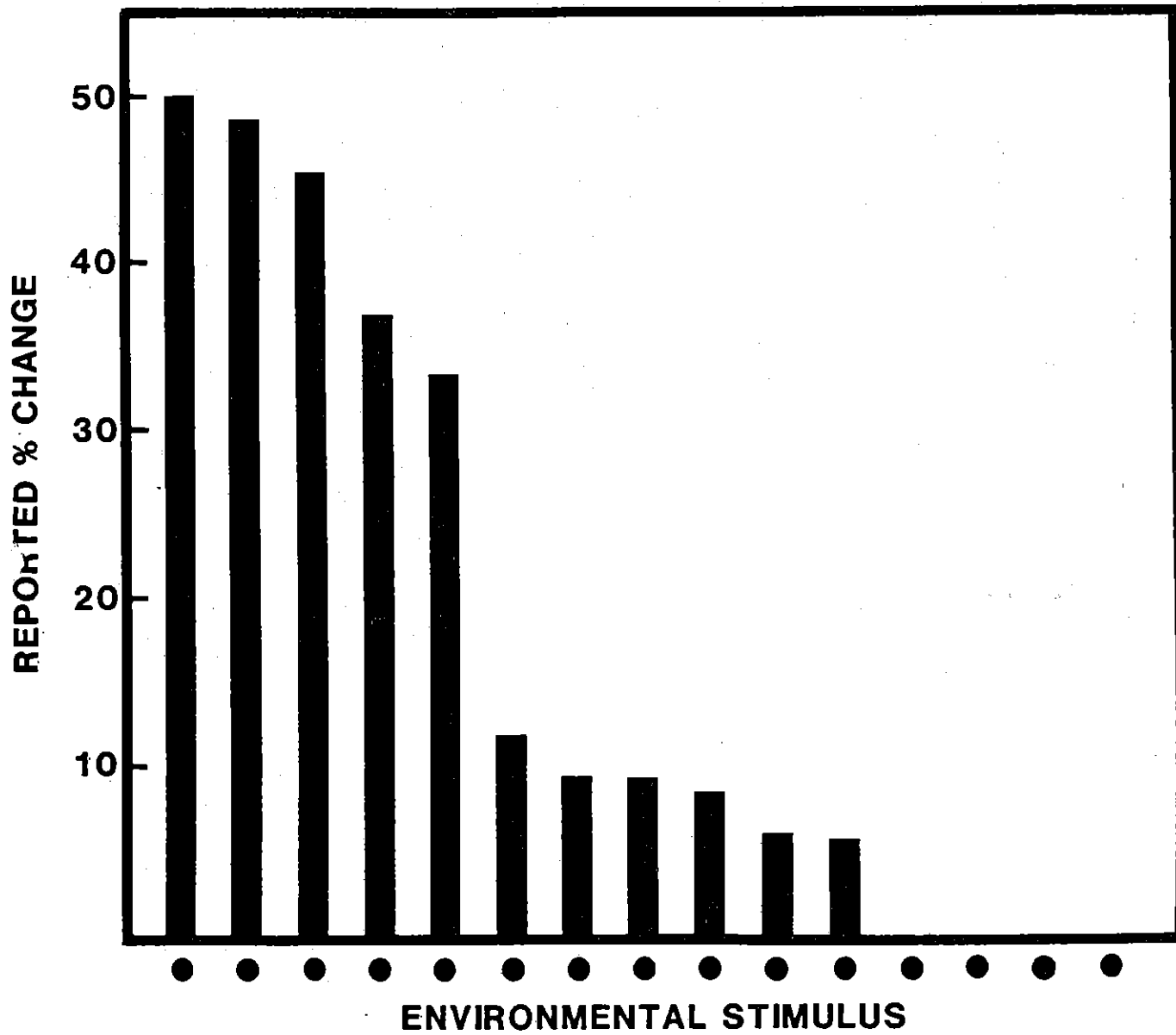
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AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN REACTION TIME

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Fenz, 1964	Presentation of arousing words	50.0
Welford, 1958	None (differences in age)	48.7
Wilkinson et al., 1972	Incentive and type of task	45.5
Blake, 1967	None (doing a task at two different times of day, 9 PM vs 8 AM)	37.1
Hartley, 1973	Doing a task twice	33.5
Tom et al., 1981	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	12.1
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	9.6
Thackray et al., 1974	None (time passing 40 minutes)	9.3
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	8.4
Hawkins & Barker, 1978	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	6.1
Charry & Hawkinshire, 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	5.7
Barron & Dreher, 1964	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Farmer & Bendix, 1982	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
McDonald et al., 1967	$10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN REACTION TIME**

- **Presentation of arousing words**
  - **None (differences in age)**
  - **Incentive and type of task**
  - **None (doing a task  
at two different times of day,  
9 PM vs 8 AM)**
  - **Doing a task twice**
  - **None (time passing  
40 minutes)**
  - **$\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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# COMPARISON: HUMAN REACTION TIME





COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN VIGILANCE  
(i.e. PAYING ATTENTION)

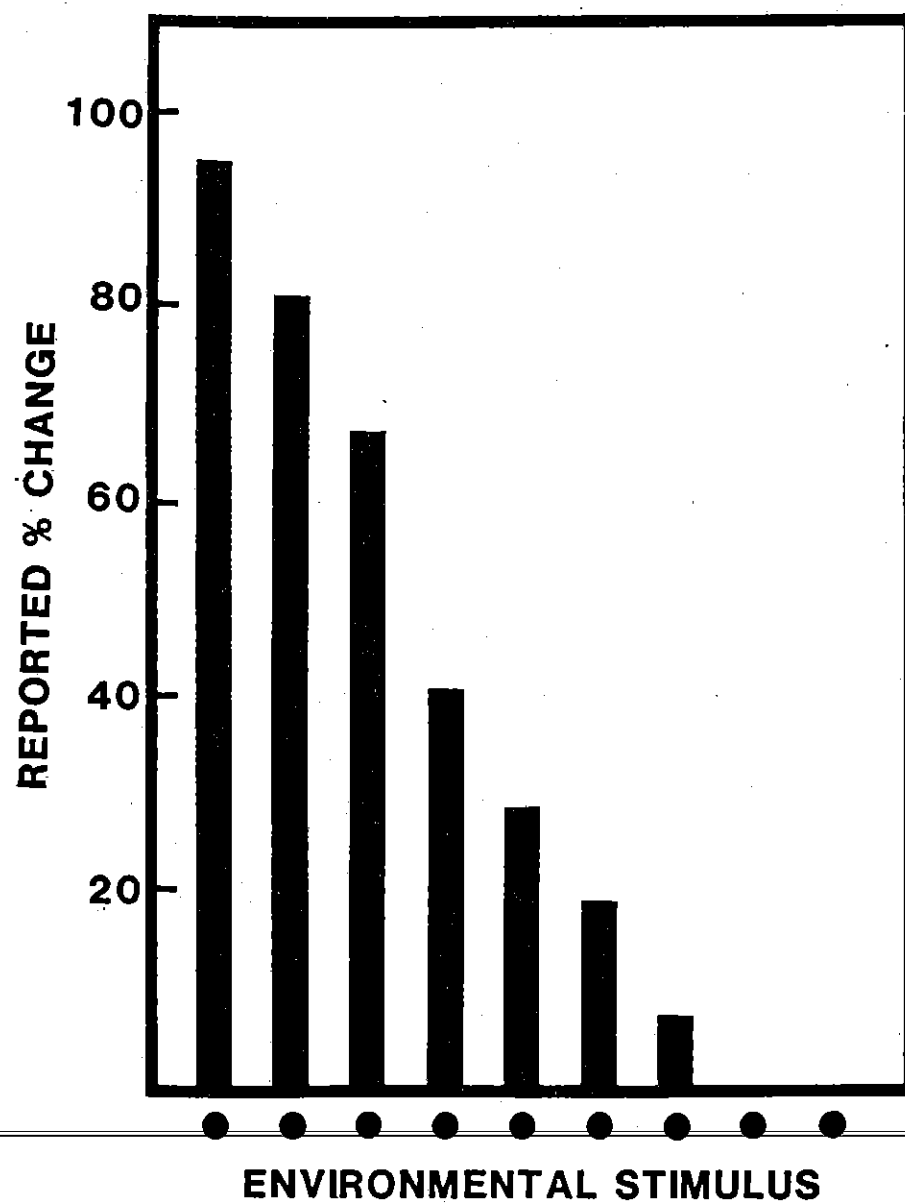
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Loke & Meliska, 1984	None (time passing - 1 hour)	95.6%
Davies & Krkovic, 1965	Doing a task over time (1.5 hours)	81.0
Davies & Hockey, 1966	Getting extra signals during a task	67.6
McDonald et al., 1967	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	40.7
Frankenhauser et al., 1971	Differences in stimulation and time passing (1 hour)	28.4
McDonald et al., 1967	$10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	19.0
Halcomb & Kirk, 1965	$10^4$ (+/-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	7.7
Chiles et al., 1960	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI:**

### **HUMAN VIGILANCE (i.e. PAYING ATTENTION)**

- **None (time passing - 1 hour)**
  - **Doing a task over time (1.5 hours)**
  - **Getting extra signals during a task**
  - **Differences in stimulation  
and time passing (1 hour)**
  - **$\pm 10^4$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm**
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**COMPARISON:**  
**HUMAN VIGILANCE**  
**(i.e. paying attention)**



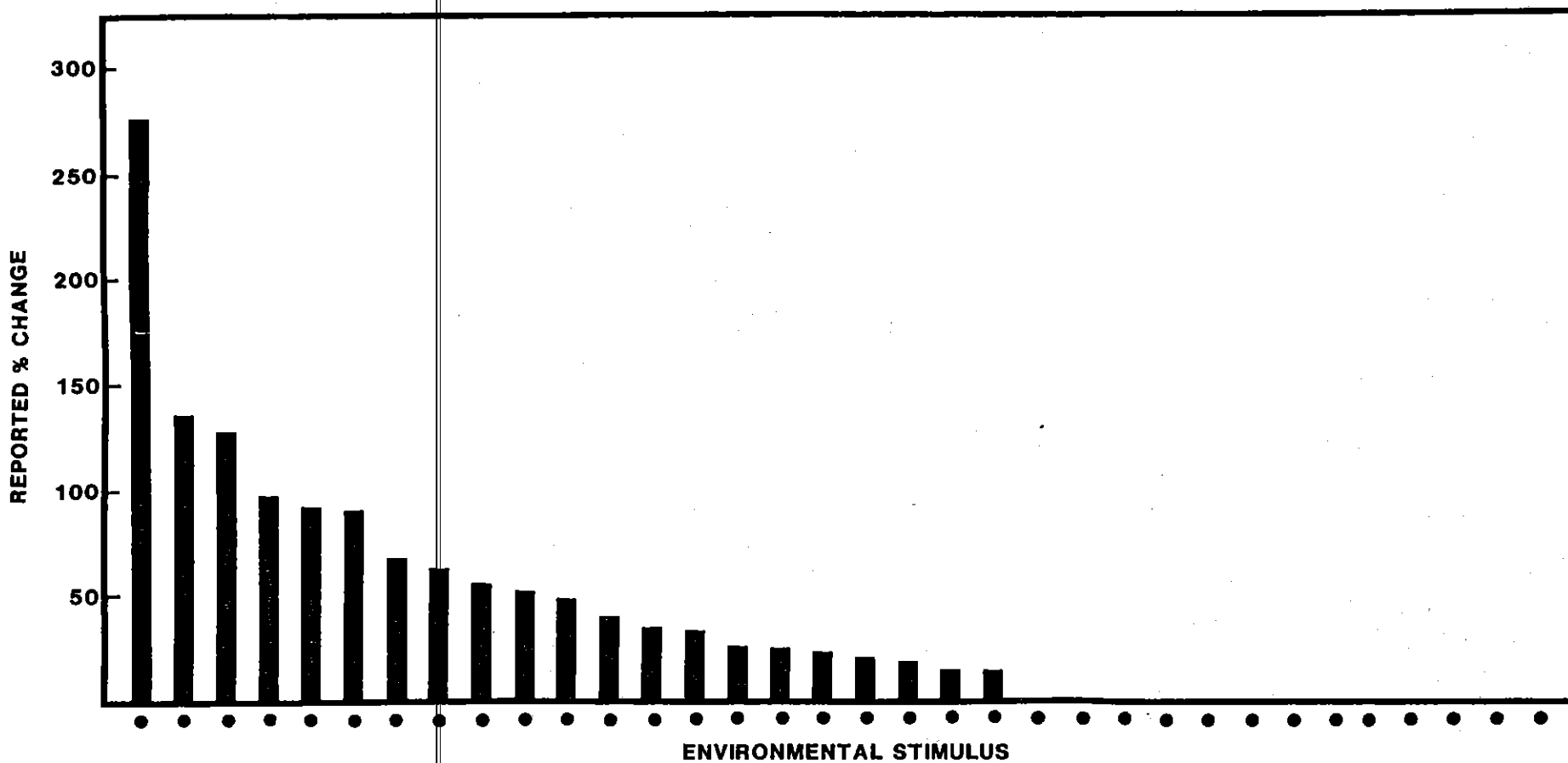
COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN MOOD AND SUBJECTIVE RESPONSES

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Sigel, 1979	None (time passing, 2.25 hours)	275.2%
Nevins et al., 1966	8°F change in temperature (66° - 74°)	136.4
Nevins et al., 1966	4°F change in temperature (66° - 70°)	127.3
Hawkins, 1981	16°F change in temperature (66° - 82°)	97.8
Hawkins, 1981	16°F change in temperature (66° - 82°)	92.2
Hawkins, 1981	10 <sup>3</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	91.4
Hawkins, 1981	15% change in relative humidity (65% - 80%)	67.6
McIntyre & Griffiths, 1975	55% change in relative humidity (20% - 75%) at 82°F	62.5
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	10 <sup>3</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	56.6
Charry & Hawkinshire, 1981	10 <sup>4</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	52.9
Sigel, 1979	10 <sup>5</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	49.2
Olmedo et al., 1973	Illumination (lighting) & noise (dB equivalent to a refrigerator)	40.4
Nevins et al., 1966	20% change in relative humidity (35% - 55%) at 72°F	35.0
Charry & Hawkinshire, 1981	Experiencing a new situation	33.3
Hawkins, 1981	9°F change in temperature (73° - 82°)	25.5
Nevins et al., 1966	10% change in relative humidity (35% - 45%) at 72°F	25.0
Sigel, 1979	10 <sup>5</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	22.5
Olmedo et al., 1973	Illumination (lighting)	20.2
Tom et al., 1981	10 <sup>4</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	17.1
Olmedo et al., 1973	Moderate noise (dB equivalent to a refrigerator)	13.9
Hawkins, 1981	10 <sup>3</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	13.4
Hawkins & Morris, 1984	10 <sup>3</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
McGurk, 1959	10 <sup>3</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>3</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	10 <sup>3</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>3</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Monaco & Acker, 1963	10 <sup>4</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>4</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Chiles et al., 1960	10 <sup>4</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>4</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Ruocco, 1962	10 <sup>4</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>4</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Danzler et al., 1983	10 <sup>5</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> 10 <sup>5</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

## ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN MOOD AND SUBJECTIVE RESPONSES

- None (time passing, 2.25 hours)
- 8° F change in temperature (66°-74°)
- 4° F change in temperature (66°-70°)
- 16° F change in temperature (66°-82°)
- 15% change in relative humidity (65% - 80%)
- 55% change in relative humidity (20% - 75%) at 82°F
- Illumination (lighting) & noise (dB equivalent to a refrigerator)
- 20% change in relative humidity (35% - 55%) at 72° F
- Experiencing a new situation
- 9°F change in temperature (73°- 82°)
- 10% change in relative humidity (35% - 45%) at 72° F
- Illumination (lighting)
- Moderate noise (dB equivalent to a refrigerator)
- $\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>

COMPARISON:  
HUMAN MOOD AND SUBJECTIVE RESPONSES



COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN PSYCHOMOTOR PERFORMANCE

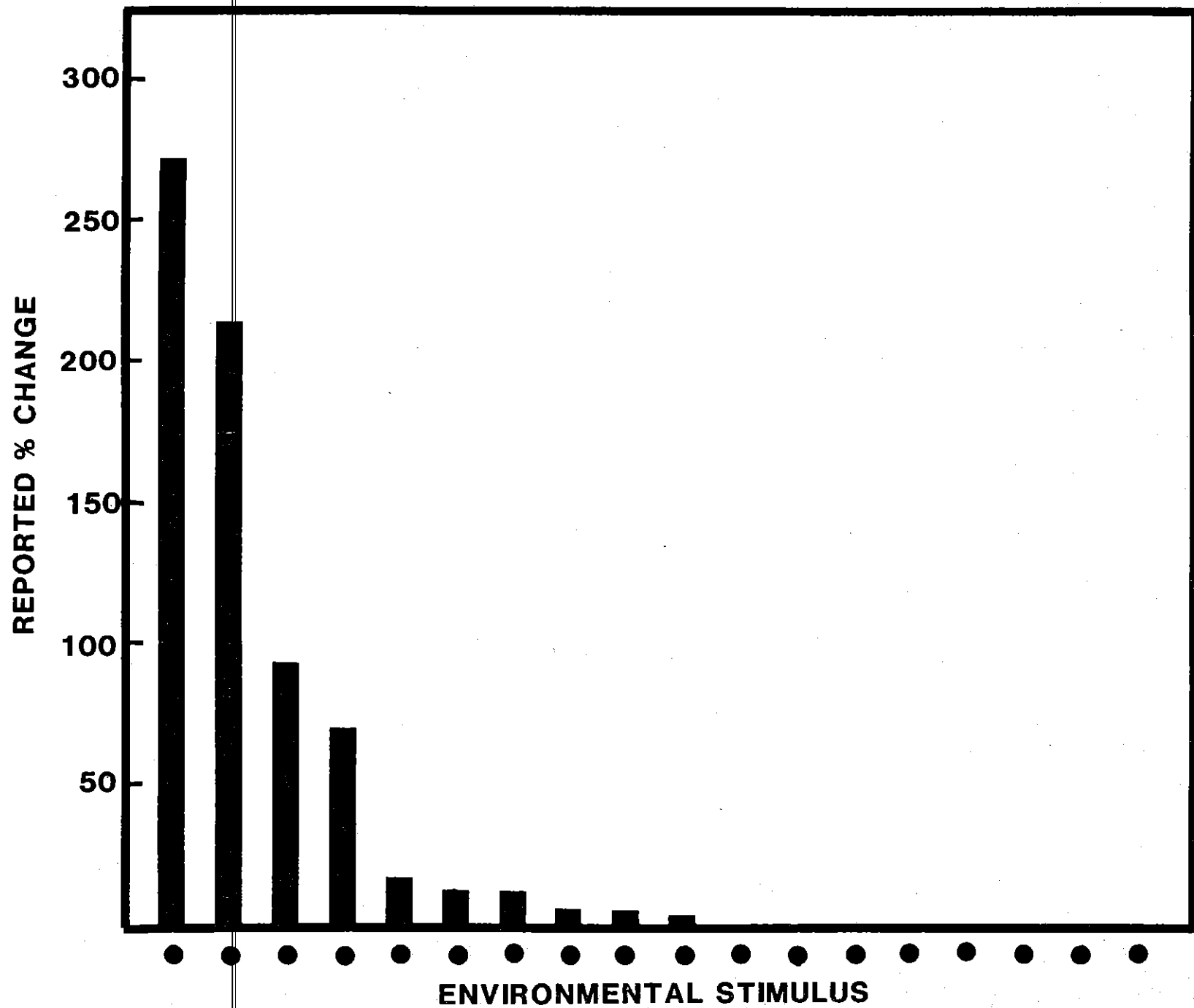
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Powell, 1982	Physical effort (high)	272.4%
Skrandies, 1985	Illumination differences	213.2
Falk & Kline, 1978	None (differences in male vs. female and in age -- 19.1 vs. 70.1 years)	93.7
Harper, 1979	Noise (dB equivalent to refrigerator)	70.0
Morton & Kershner, 1984	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	17.2
Davidson et al., 1981	Concentration on heart beat and use of left vs. right hand	12.8
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	12.9
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	6.4
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	5.7
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	4.2
Barron & Dreher, 1964	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Albrechtsen et al., 1978	$10^3$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
McGurk, 1959	$10^3$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Slote, 1961	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
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Chiles, et al., 1960	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN PSYCHOMOTOR PERFORMANCE**

- **Physical effort (high)**
  - **Illumination differences**
  - **None (differences in male vs. female  
and in age -- 19.1 vs. 70.1 years)**
  - **Noise (dB equivalent to refrigerator)**
  - **Concentration on heart beat and use of left vs. right hand**
  - **$\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^4$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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**COMPARISON:**  
**HUMAN PSYCHOMOTOR PERFORMANCE**



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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
HUMAN PERCEIVED EXERTION

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Sargent & Davies, 1973	Exercise	600.0%
Skinner et al., 1973	Exercise	142.9
Borg, 1982	Exercise	112.5
Faria & Drummond, 1982	None (daily variation over time, 2 PM to 2 AM)	45.0
Pandolf et al., 1984	Exercise	32.0
Inbar et al., 1982	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	5.6
Sovijarvi et al., 1979	$10^4$ (+/-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	3.6

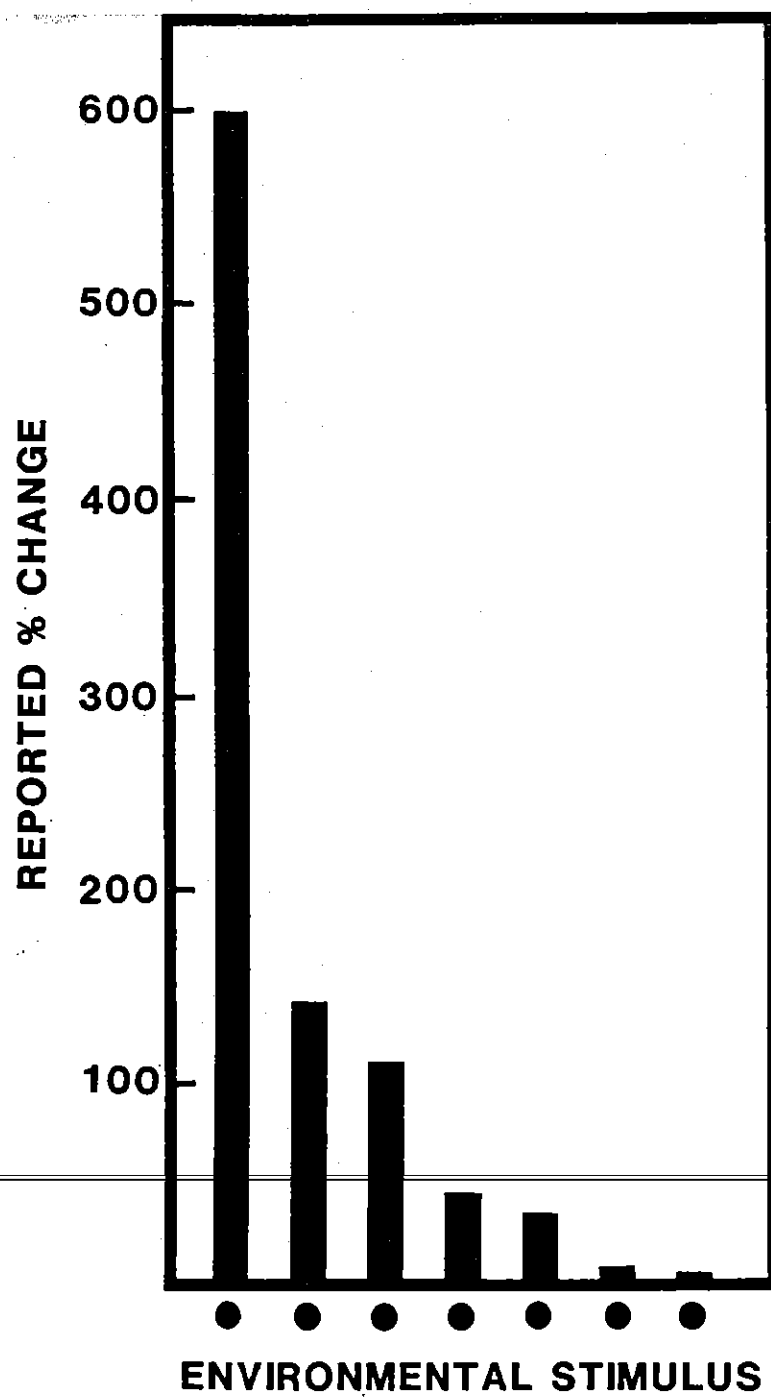
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: HUMAN PERCEIVED EXERTION**

- **None (daily variation over time,  
2 PM to 2 AM)**
- **Exercise**
- **$\pm 10^4$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
- **$- 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:  
HUMAN PERCEIVED EXERTION**



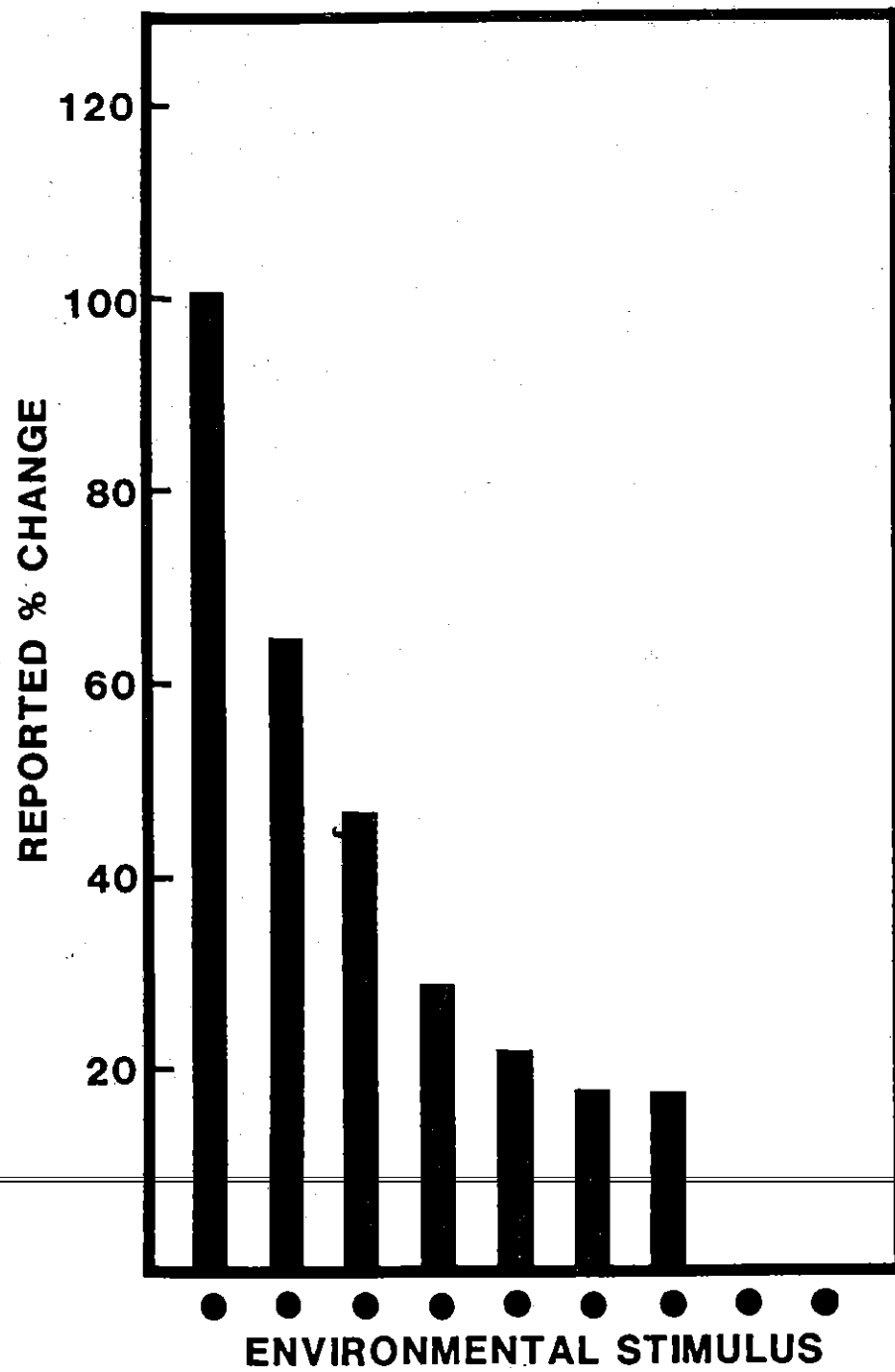
COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL RESPIRATION RATE

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Stupfel & Pletan, 1983	None (daily variation over time, 4:30 AM to 7:30 PM)	106.3%
Stupfel & Pletan, 1983	Change from dark (night) to light (morning)	65.0
Brooks & White, 1978	Exercise	47.3
Lamm et al., 1982	None (difference in being drowsy vs. awake)	28.9
Gleeson et al., 1983	Exercise training	22.2
Bachman et al., 1965	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	17.7
Bachman et al., 1965	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	17.6
McDonald et al., 1965	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
McDonald et al., 1965	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL RESPIRATION RATE**

- **None (daily variation over time, 4:30 AM to 7:30 PM)**
  - **Change from dark (night) to light (morning)**
  - **Exercise**
  - **None (difference in being drowsy vs. awake)**
  - **Exercise training**
  - **$\pm 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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**COMPARISON:  
ANIMAL RESPIRATION RATE**



COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL HEART RATE RESPONSES

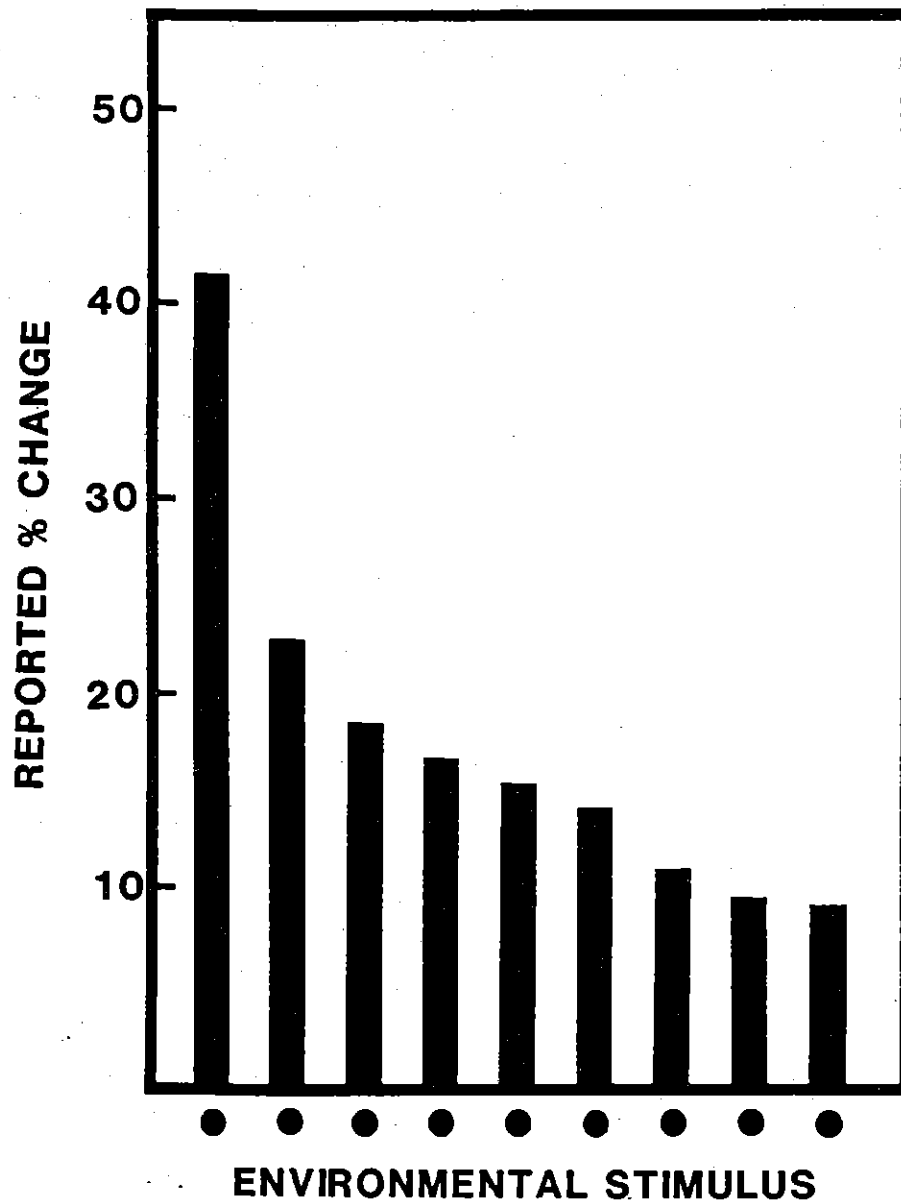
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Haroutunian & Campbell 1981	Light bulb (60 watts) over time (30 minutes)	41.7%
Haroutunian & Campbell 1981	None (differences in age)	22.9
Haroutunian & Campbell 1981	"White" noise over time (30 minutes)	16.8
Berry et al., 1984	14°F change in temperature (68° - 82°)	18.6
McDonald et al., 1965	10 <sup>5</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	15.5
Benessiano et al., 1983	None (differences in type of rat)	14.1
McDonald et al., 1965	10 <sup>5</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	11.0
Bachman et al., 1965	10 <sup>5</sup> (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	9.6
Bachman et al., 1965	10 <sup>5</sup> (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	9.1



## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL HEART RATE RESPONSES**

- **Light bulb (60 watts) over time (30 minutes)**
  - **None (differences in age)**
  - **"White" noise over time (30 minutes)**
  - **14° F change in temperature (68° - 82°)**
  - **None (differences in type of rat)**
  - **$\pm 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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**COMPARISON:  
ANIMAL HEART RATE RESPONSES**



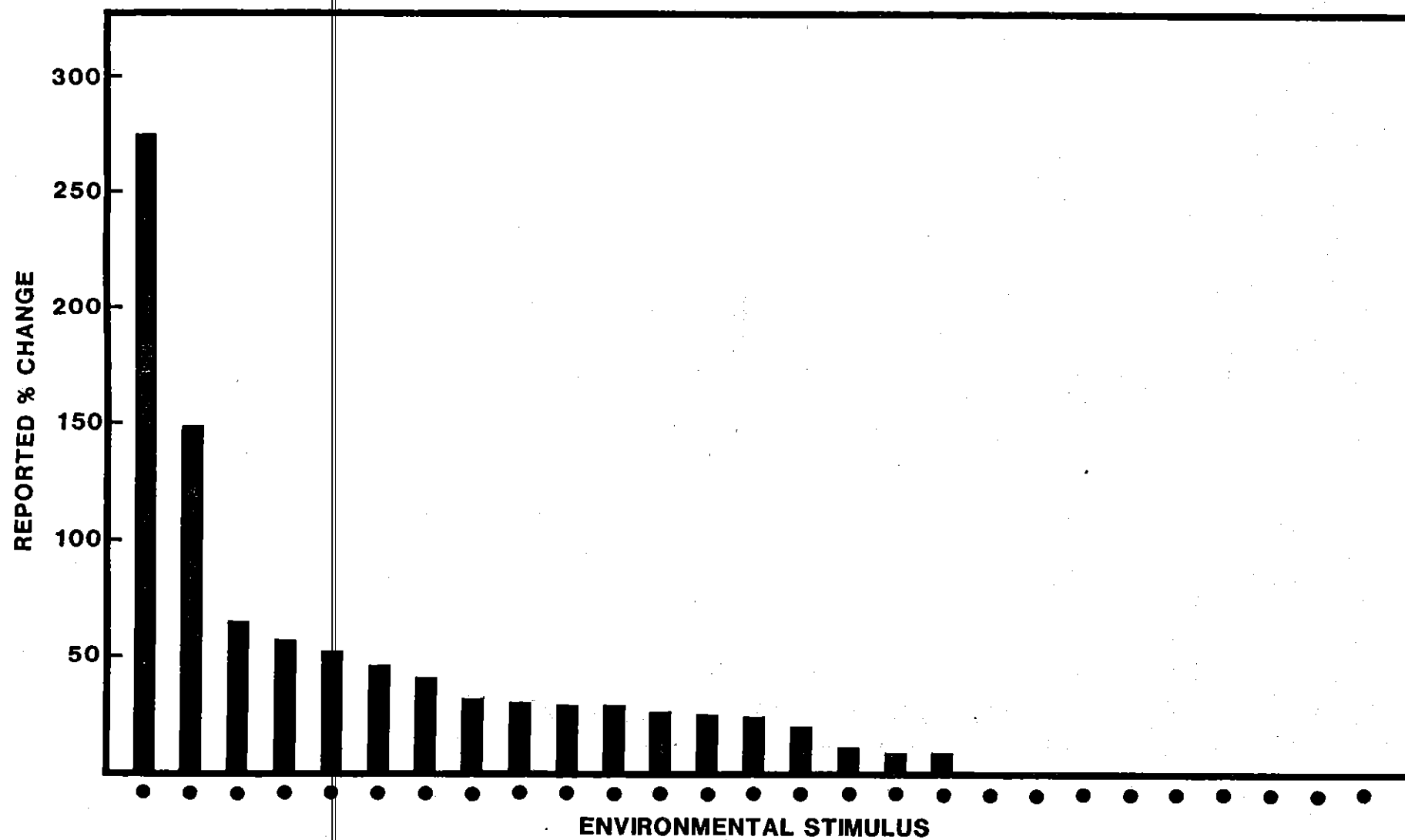
COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Yates & Herbert, 1976	None (daily variation over time, 12 AM to 6 AM)	275.0%
Kempf et al., 1982	None (daily variation, night vs. day)	149.2
Diamond et al., 1980	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	65.7
Diamond et al., 1980	Social environment	57.1
Morgan et al., 1975	None (daily variation over time, 12 AM to 4 AM)	52.2
Albrecht et al., 1956	None (daily variation over time, 11 AM to 7 PM)	45.8
Scheving et al., 1968	None (daily variation over time, 12 PM to 6 PM)	41.2
Udermann & Fischer, 1982	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	31.8
Everett, 1976	None (different types of rats)	31.1
Fernstrom & Wurtman, 1972	2 hours after eating	29.4
Krueger et al., 1966	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	28.9
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (differences in male vs. female)	26.2
Wurtmann & Fernstrom, 1972	Diet and daily variation over time, (6 AM to 6PM)	25.4
Krueger et al., 1963	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	24.4
Gilbert, 1973	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	20.1
Krueger et al., 1968	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	10.6
Krueger & Kotaka, 1969	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	8.5
Krueger & Kotaka, 1969	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	8.5
Undermann & Fischer, 1982	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Krueger & Kotaka, 1969	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Krueger & Kotaka, 1969	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Krueger et al., 1968	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Diamond et al., 1980	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Bailey & Charry, 1983	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Charry & Bailey, 1985	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES**

- **None (daily variation over time, 12 AM to 6 AM)**
- **None (daily variation, night vs. day)**
- **Social environment**
- **None (daily variation over time, 12 AM to 4 AM)**
- **None (daily variation over time, 11 AM to 7 PM)**
- **None (daily variation over time, 12 PM to 6 PM)**
- **None (different types of rats)**
- **2 hours after eating**
- **None (differences in male vs. female)**
- **Diet and daily variation over time, 6 AM to 6 PM)**
- **$-10^3$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
- **$\pm 10^4$  to  $\pm 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:  
ANIMAL NEUROCHEMICAL RESPONSES**



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COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES

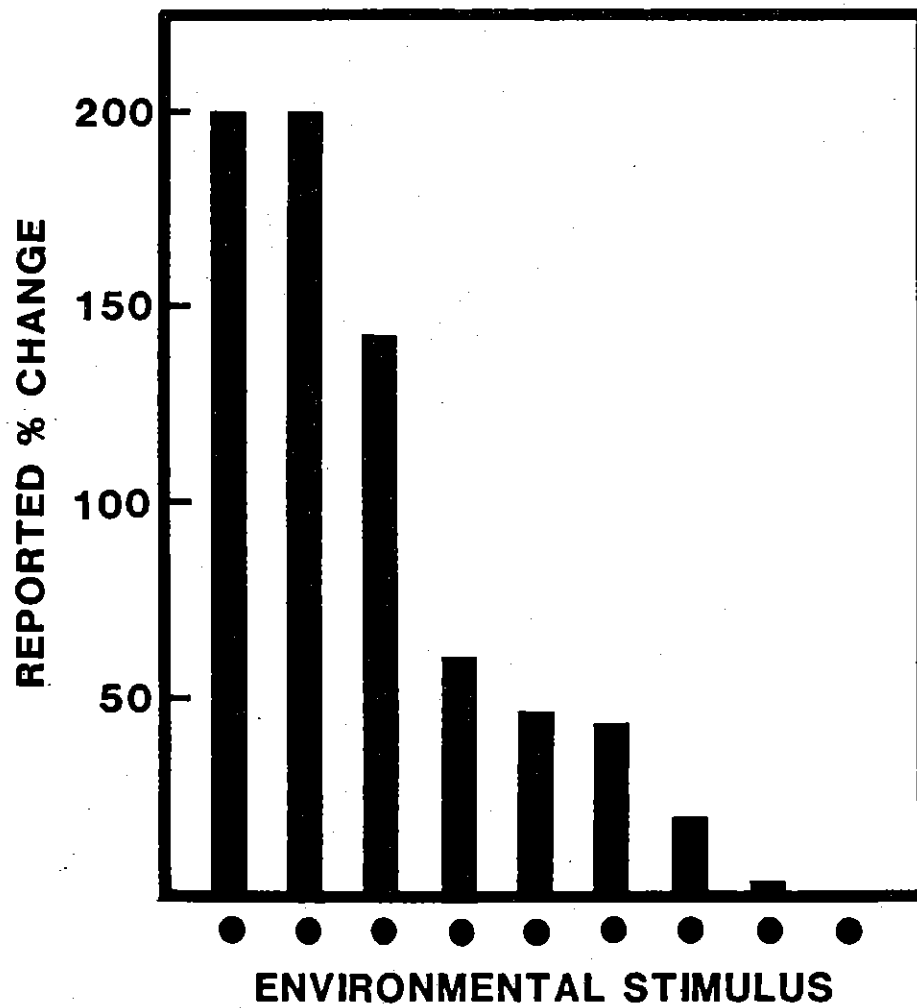
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Leung et al., 1982	Differences within the brain during walking activity	200.0%
Rosadini et al., 1981	Effects of learning	200.0
Cattarelli et al., 1979	Sleep vs. waking during stimulation	143.5
Oliverreau et al., 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	59.9
Kleinlogel & Hausammann, 1980	None (time passing, 1 hour)	46.7
Cattaelli et al., 1979	None (sleep vs. waking)	42.1
Lambert et al., 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	18.4
Oliverreau et al., 1981	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	5.6
Lambert et al., 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES**

- Differences within the brain during walking activity
  - Effects of learning
  - Sleep vs. waking during stimulation
  - None (time passing, 1 hour)
  - None (sleep vs. waking)
  - $\pm 10^4 \text{ ion/cm}^3$
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**COMPARISON:  
ANIMAL BRAIN WAVE RESPONSES**





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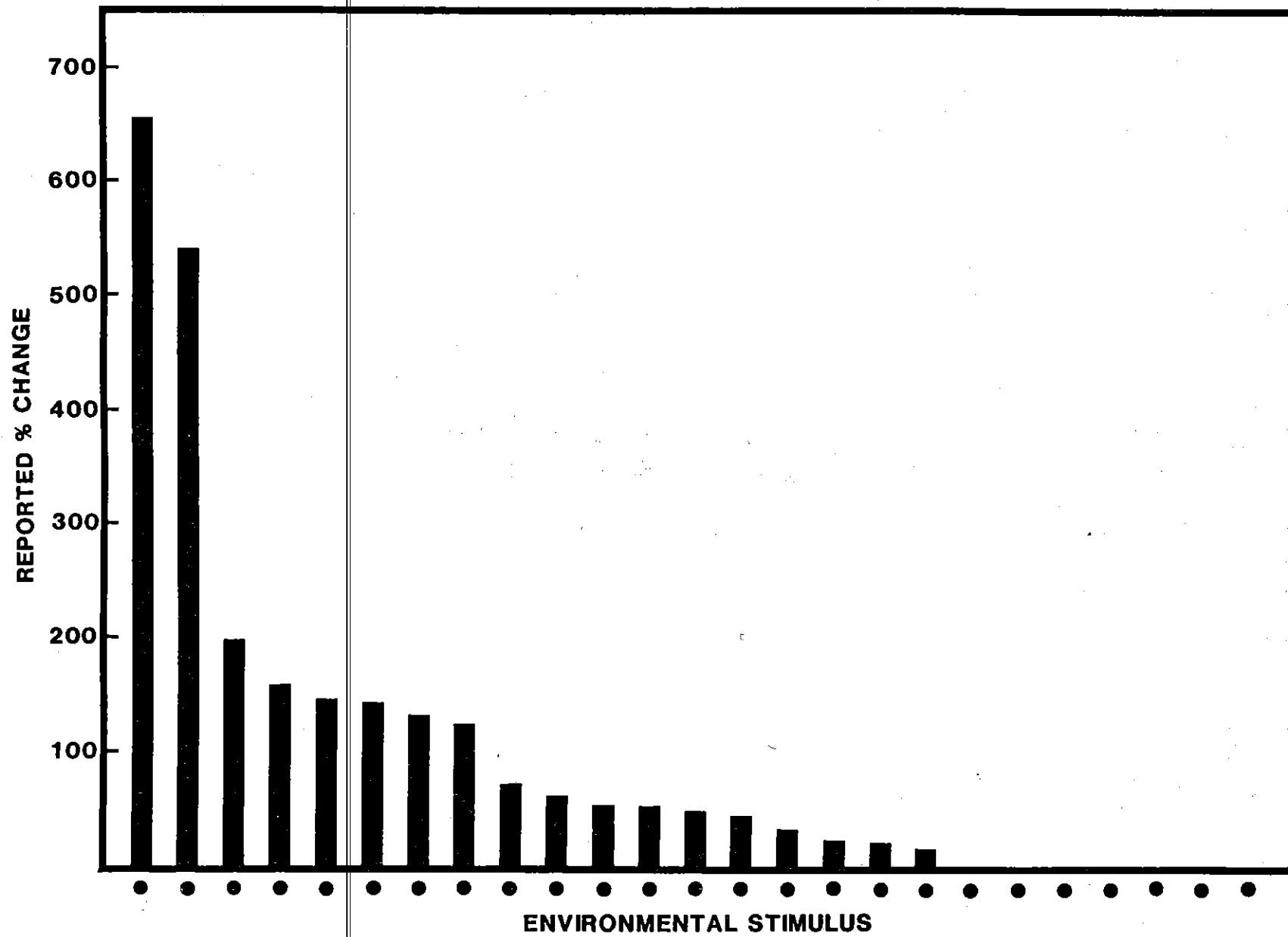
COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL ACTIVITY

<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (differences in type of rat)	657.1%
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (time passing, 4 days)	542.9
Bachman et al., 1966	$10^6$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	200.0
Blizzard et al., 1975	Experience and differences in male vs. female	160.0
Lambert & Olivereau, 1980	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	147.0
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	144.4
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (differences in male vs. female)	133.0
Bachman et al., 1966	$10^6$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	125.0
Lambert & Olivereau, 1980	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	71.4
Olivereau, 1979	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	61.0
Olivereau, 1970a	$10^5$ (+/-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	32.0
Olivereau, 1979	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	21.0
Olivereau, 1970b	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	15.0
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Bailey & Charry, 1984	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup> $10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0 0
Nazzaro et al., 1967	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	53.9
Jordan & Solkoloff, 1959	$10^3$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	53.7
Falkenberg & Kirk, 1977	$10^5$ (+/-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	49.7
Nazzaro et al., 1967	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	45.9
Terry et al., 1969	$10^7$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	23.0
Lambert & Olivereau, 1980	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^4$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0
Duffee & Koontz, 1965	$10^5$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	0

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL ACTIVITY**

- **None (differences in type of rat)**
  - **None (time passing, 4 days)**
  - **Experience and differences in male vs. female)**
  - **None (differences in male vs. female)**
  - **$\pm 10^4$  to  $\pm 10^6$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
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# COMPARISON: ANIMAL ACTIVITY



COMPARISON CHART  
AIR IONS AND TYPICAL BIOLOGICAL VARIABILITY  
ANIMAL LEARNING OF TASKS

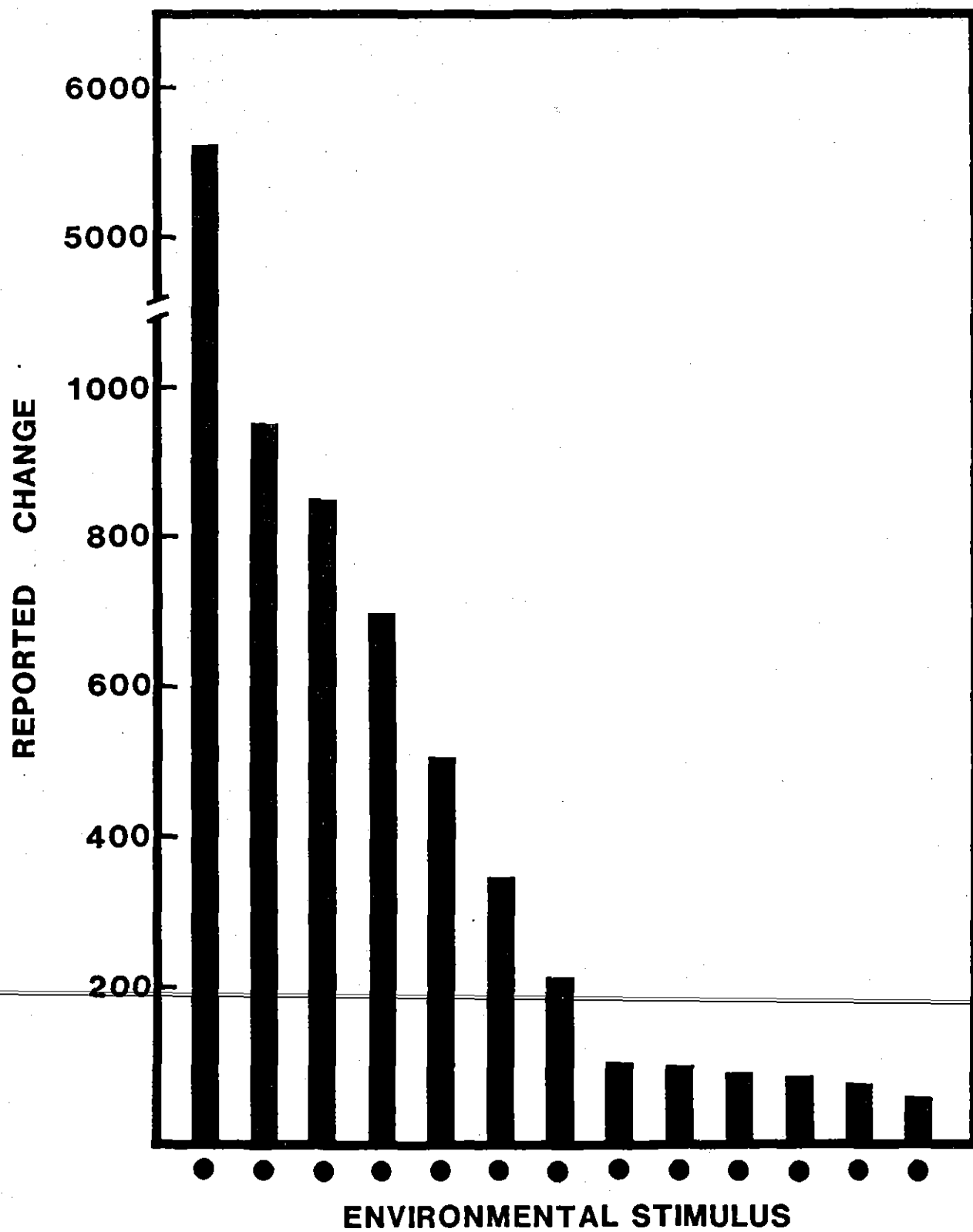
<u>Author &amp; Year</u>	<u>Environmental Stimulus</u>	<u>Reported Change</u>
Gardner et al., 1975	Perceptually stimulating environment	5633.5%
Satinder & Hill, 1974	None (different types of rats)	952.6
Gardner et al., 1975	Social environment	846.0
Ray & Barrett, 1975	Learning experience over 10 days	700.0
Berger & Brush, 1975	Type of learning experience	511.0
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (different types of rats)	350.0
Duffee & Koontz, 1965	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	218.2
Lambert & Olivereau, 1980	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	104.2
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	100.0
Ray & Barrett, 1975	None (differences in male vs. female)	90.9
Lambert & Olivereau, 1980	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	86.5
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^5$ (-) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	75.4
Olivereau & Lambert, 1981	$10^4$ (+) ions/cm <sup>3</sup>	58.8

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL STIMULI: ANIMAL LEARNING OF TASKS**

- **Perceptually stimulating environment**
- **None (different types of rats)**
- **Social environment**
- **Learning experience over 10 days**
- **Type of learning experience**
- **None (different types of rats)**
- **None (differences in male vs. female)**
- **$\pm 10^3$  to  $\pm 10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**
- **(-)  $10^7$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**COMPARISON:  
ANIMAL LEARNING OF TASKS**



## **LONG-TERM EXPOSURE ANALYSIS**

- **13 studies examined**
  - **Equivalent ion exposure levels determined**
  - **Equivalent ion exposure periods determined**
  - **Magnitude of effect calculated**
  - **Dose-response assessed**
  - **Time-course assessed**
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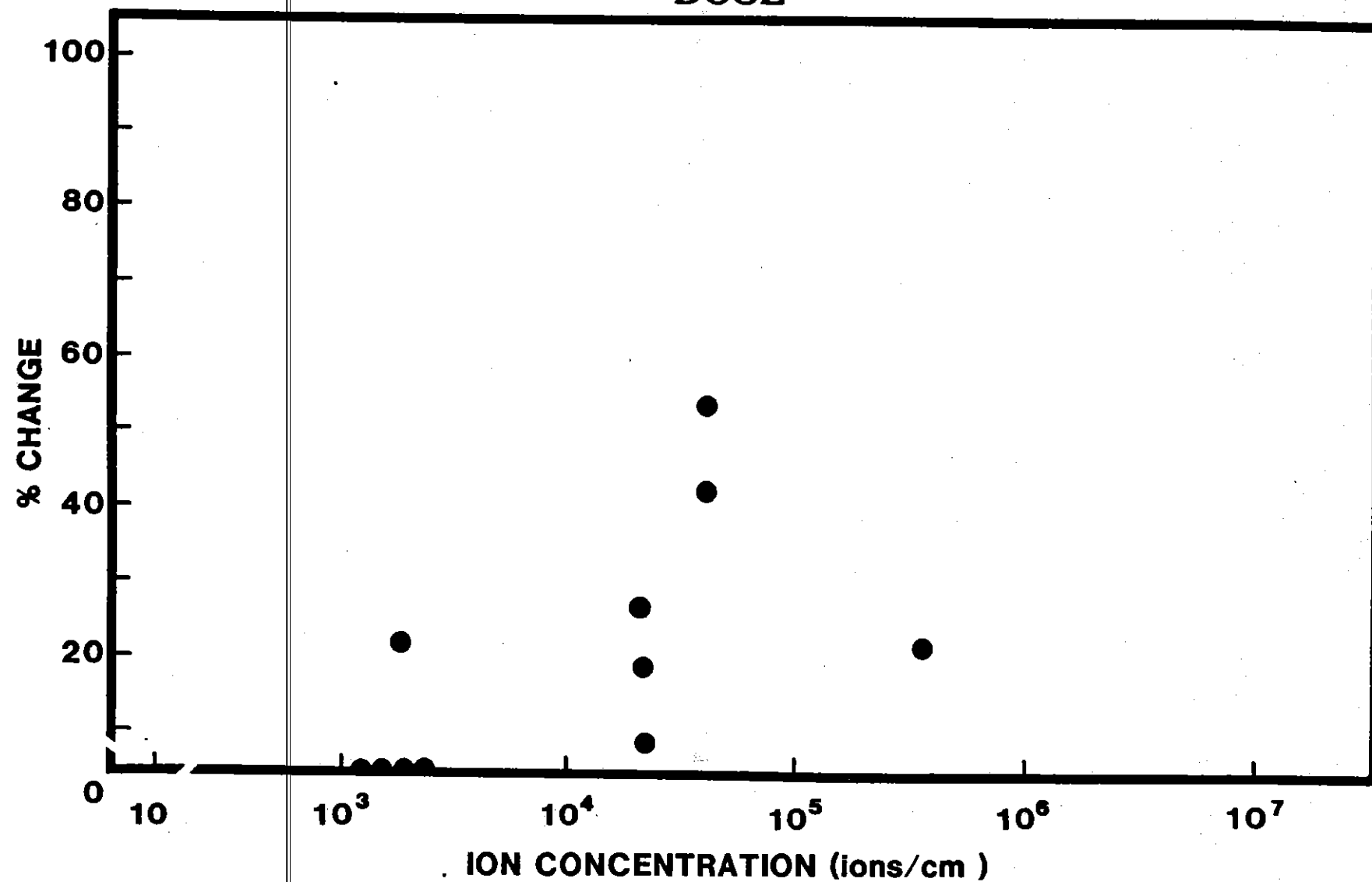
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## LONG-TERM EXPOSURE ANALYSIS

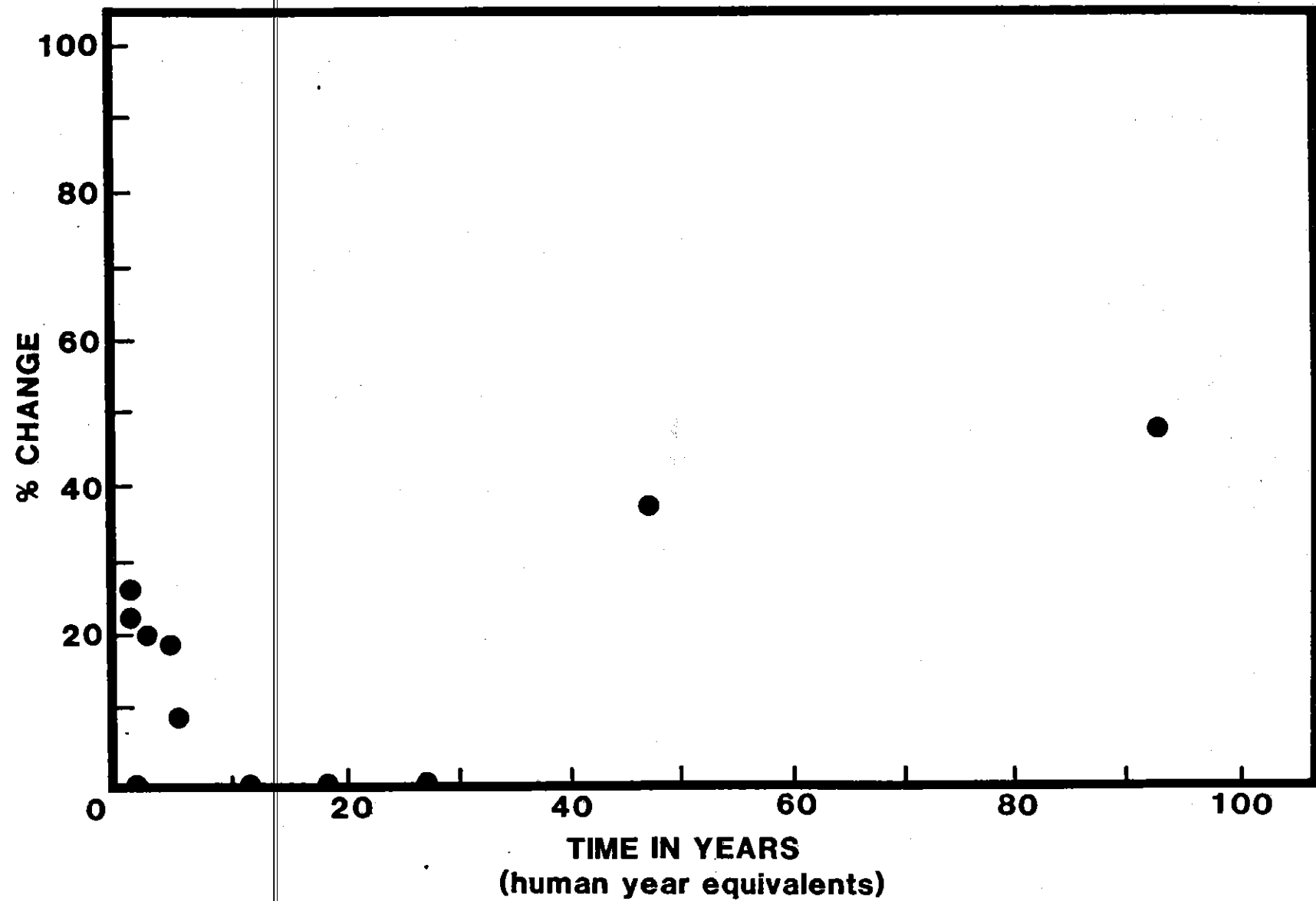
- Equivalent exposure levels range from  $10^3$  to  $10^5$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>
  - Equivalent exposure periods range from 1.5 to 94 years
  - Magnitude of effect - within normal biological variability
  - No dose-response relationship
  - No time-course relationship
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# LONG TERM BIOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO IONS: DOSE



# LONG TERM BIOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO IONS: TIME - COURSE



## **HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES AND HEALTH: THE PROBLEM**

- **Risk Perception**
  - **Misinformation**
  - **Uncertainty concerning physical health risks**
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# **DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF RISK PERCEPTION**

## **BASIC ELEMENTS**

- **Exposure to information**
- **Processing and interpretation of information**
- **Formation of belief structure**

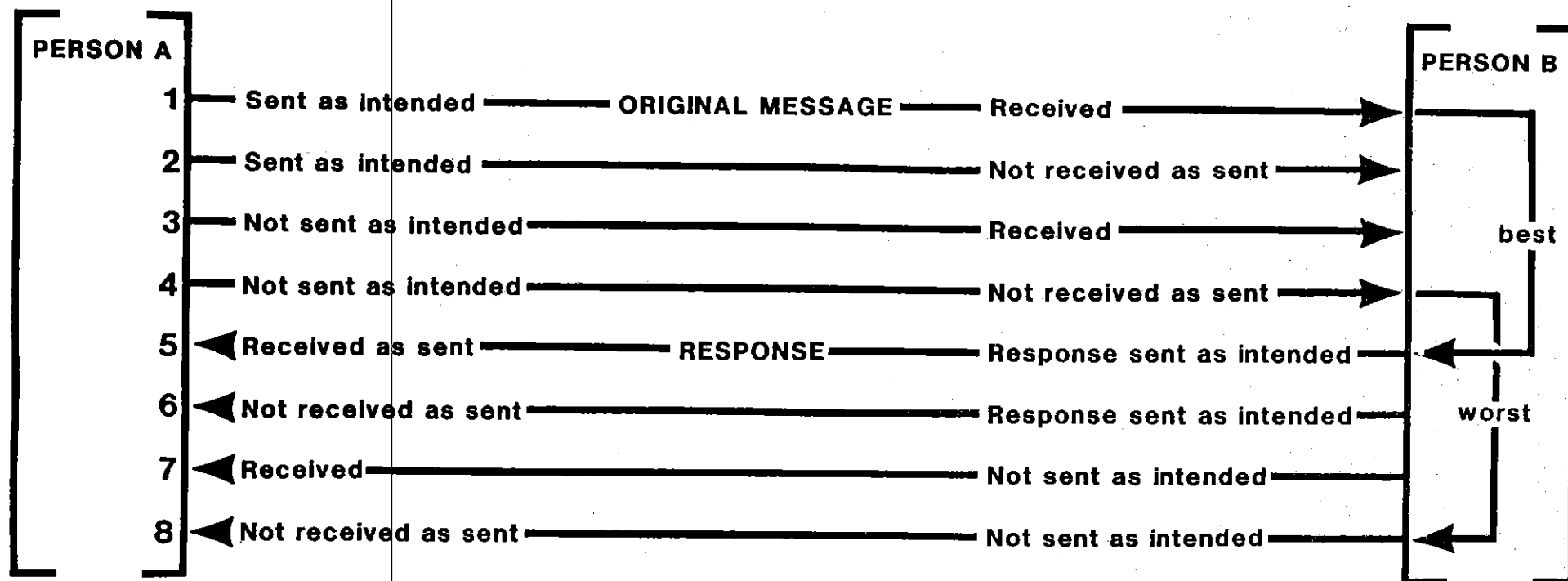
## **PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS**

- **Prior knowledge**
  - **Proximity**
  - **Recency**
  - **Source credibility**
  - **Ability to exert control**
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## **CONSEQUENCES OF RISK PERCEPTION**

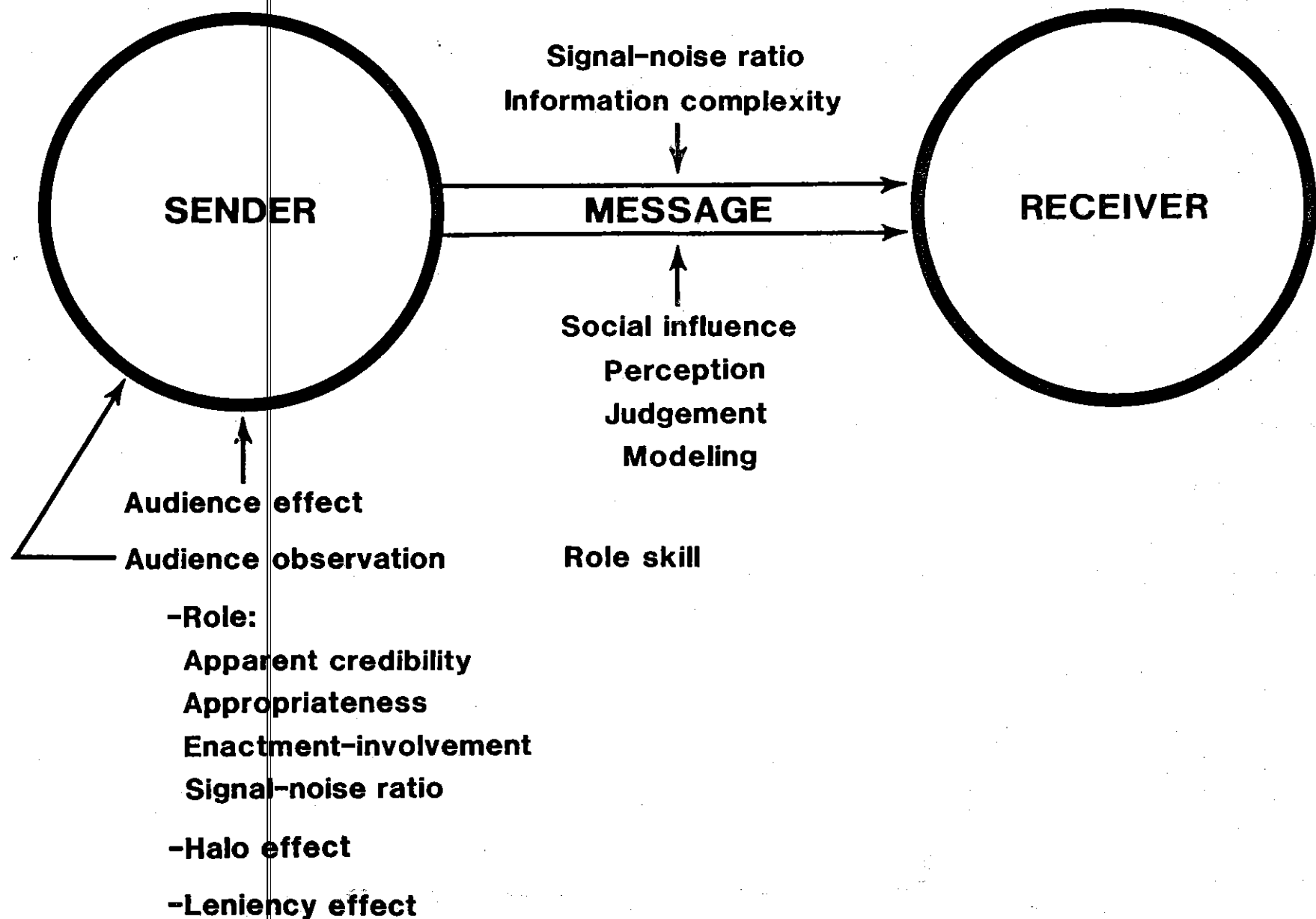
- **Mass psychogenic illness**
  - **Psychosomatic illness**
  - **Stress induced illness**
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## FACTORS AFFECTING INFORMATION FLOW: DYADIC INTERACTION





# CREDIBILITY-IMPACT SEQUENCE





## **Perception of Risk: Health Effects Issues Frequently Appearing in Media**

- **Combined effects**
  - **Electromagnetic fields cause cancer and birth defects**
  - **Minnesota residents have legitimate complaints about the dc lines**
  - **Long-term effects, no studies, further research needed**
  - **Texas PUC did a public service for the Texas citizens by preventing the permit**
-

## **ERI SOLUTIONS: CASE ILLUSTRATION**

- **New England Electric/Hydro-Quebec  $\pm$  450kV DC line**
  - **Hydro power from Canada to US to supply 10% of New England's energy needs starting in 1991**
  - **Project cost \$1.5-2.0 billion**
  - **Project revenue several billion dollars to Hydro-Quebec and hundreds of millions in savings to New England**
  - **Health effects electromagnetic fields critical issue**
  - **Strategic approach**
-